



CATSINaM

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Ms Rosio Cordova
Clinical Care Standards Program Director
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care
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Dear Ms Cordova

Thank you for your letter inviting the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) to make a submission on the draft Clinical Standards for Acute Coronary Syndrome and Antimicrobial Stewardship.

As the national health professional peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives CATSINaM's purpose is to

honour an holistic and culturally safe approach to achieving optimal health and wellbeing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities. We develop and promote strategies to ensure that this holistic and culturally safe approach is understood and applied by nurses and midwives working in Australia.

As the consultation process relates to specific clinical care standards CATSINaM will not be responding directly to the consultation process. Instead, we wish to provide to the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care our Cultural Safety Position Statement as part of our role to promote health services as culturally safe environments for nurses, midwives and for the broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

We trust that when developing any clinical care standards, health care as well as health services combine the cultural rights and values of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with the best that the health care system has to offer.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: CATSINaM Cultural Safety Position Statement